APPENDIX V.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 587 asked by Sri T. S. Ramaswami at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 4th March 1961, page 214 supra.]

The following measures have been adopted by this Government to give encouragement to music, dance and dramas in this State :—

(1) A College of Karnataka Music was opened in the year 1949. This College provides instruction in vocal and instrumental music of high proficiency.

(2) Provision has been made for the study of music in schools and Colleges, especially for girls and women.

(3) The Madras State Sangeetha Nataka Sangam is co-ordinating the activities relating to music, dance and drama in this State. The Government are giving financial assistance to the Sangam towards its activities.

(4) Under the Scheme of 'Inter-State Exchange of Cultural Troupes', this Government arranged recently for the performances in the city and in mofussil, by the Kuchupuli Dance-Drama Troupes of Andhra Pradesh. Similarly, this State have deputed a Cultural Troupe for giving performances in the Mysore State.

(5) The Government of India are rendering financial assistance to artists and musicians, who are in indigent circumstances. The State Government make recommendations to the Government of India in regard to the present financial position and the artistic attainments of these artists, for granting financial assistance from the Centre Under the revised arrangement agreed upon, the State Government may meet a portion of the cost of the Scheme.

(6) This Government have recommended application from Cultural Organizations in this State for building grant promised by the Government of India.

(7) This Government have recommended applications from certain professional dramatic troupes for grants from the Centre for the production of new plays.

(8) There is a proposal to constitute a Lalit Kala Academy in this State.

(9) A theatre is to be constructed at metropolis at a cost of Rs. 5 lakhs in commemoration of the Tagore Centenary Celebrations to be held in May 1961; and

(10) Five Centres have been selected in rural parts of this State, for the erection of open air theatres under the scheme sanctioned by the Government of India.